

SWAMP FOX SCENE



A FREE monthly news magazine for
the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City

Look what's coming to Historic Marion!!!!!!

Jazz like me
featuring
Debbie Sledge
&
SPECIAL GUESTS
AUGUST 7, 8 & 9
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. The Community Farmer's Market is open daily on Saturday at 109 Bobby Gerald Parkway, now through December. For information, call (843) 610-6246. Stop by and get your local grown, baked or hand-made items.

No Rise and Shine for the Month of July

July 1st-31st

Celebrate Your Independents. Month long scavenger hunt for the "Swamp Fox" in and around participating local-independent businesses. **Sponsored by HMRA**

July 3rd

City offices closed to observe Independence Day! Offices reopen at 8:00 a.m. on July 6th.

July 3rd-9th

Dixie Softball State Tournaments

Sweeties- 6 and Under Girls Softball Tournaments
Angles X - 10 and Under Girls Softball Tournaments
All games will be played at Green Street Sports Complex.

July 10th-16th

Dixie Softball State Tournaments

Belles- 15 and Under Girls Softball Tournaments
Debs - 18 and Under Girls Softball Tournaments
All games will be played at Green Street Sports Complex.

July 14th

6:30 p.m. **City Council Meeting**, Council Chambers.

July 16th

Thursday Beats! Set your mood for the weekend and come enjoy live music in Historic Downtown Marion. **Sponsored by HMRA**

Membership Campaign

The Month of May: HMRA 2015-16 Membership Campaign in Progress. Be on the lookout for correspondence in your mail or visit www.theswampfox.com.

The City of Marion approves 2015-2016 budget

The City of Marion approved a **\$5,835,571** General Fund budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016 at the City's June Council Meeting. Council also approved the Hospitality Tax budget **\$265,000** for the City of Marion.

CITY OF MARION PUBLIC NOTICE

2015-2016 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

Section 1 of the Business and Professional License Ordinance for the City of Marion, South Carolina requires every person engaged in any calling, business, occupation or profession within the limits of the City of Marion to renew the annual Business License fee and obtain a license.

The City of Marion Business License Renewal Applications are being mailed on May 22, 2015. Current Business Licenses expire on June 30, 2015. To obtain a 2015-2016 Business License, a completed renewal application and/or remittance must be received in the City of Marion Business License Department by July 31, 2015 to avoid a penalty. Penalties for late payment will be assessed on August 1, 2015, and will increase each month thereafter.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A RENEWAL NOTICE DOES NOT RELIEVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE FROM OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE. If you have any questions please contact Pam Jones in the Business License Department at 843-423-5961.

CITY NEWS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Ms. Jackquelin Hall of 415 East Liberty Street have been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for June 2015. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Ms. Hall will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

Miracle Network Jail-A-Thon



Three City of Marion employees were "locked up" at the Marion Walmart on Friday, June 5, 2015. The "lock up" was to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. Each employee had to raise at least \$200 to get out of "jail". They all were glad to have been a part of such a worthy cause.



The Children's Miracle Network mission is to "increase funds and awareness for local children's hospitals". Their vision is "together we save kid's lives". Children's Miracle Network Hospital is working to save the lives of kids in your community. One child every second are battling cancer, some are suffering from a traumatic injury. Others require constant care because they were born too early, or with a genetic disease. Regardless of why the kids are there, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals always have their doors open.

Special thank you to , top: Sgt. Bobby Davis- Police Department, bottom: Lt. Thomas Graves, Jr- Police Department and Chase Funderburk, Fire Department.

NEED HELP?

Call City Hall, 843-423-5961, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

- Mayor Bobby L. Davis**, (843) 423-5961, Ext. 21
- Alan Ammons**, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
- Pam Jones**, City Clerk, Ext. 10
- Patricia Brown**, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
- Ainsley Sanders**, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
- Elizabeth Fிக**, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
- Vickie J. Nichols**, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
- Ann Jackson**, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
- Dewayne Tennie**, Police Chief, (843) 423-8616
- Cindy Barr**, Captain (843) 423-8616
- Trey Cooper**, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
- Chris McKenzie**, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
- Heather Evans**, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
- Almeta Mullins**, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

Historic Marion Revitalization Association Membership Drive Continues...

PRESERVE - STIMULATE - PROMOTE

Our membership campaign is underway! We invite you to become a member for 2015-2016. Funds raised through our membership campaign support the purpose and goals to: ① grow Marion's business and retail base, ② cultivate tourism to revitalize downtown, ③ support overall city improvement initiatives and ④ create, manage and support promotional events.

The Board of Directors of HMRA held a retreat in January to reflect on the previous year, set goals for the 2015-16 year and review ways to get more citizens involved with the revitalization efforts of Historic Downtown Marion, SC. One pleasant benefit to our retreat was the reassessment of the annual membership fees imposed. We hope the realignment of member fees will attract additional members to HMRA's causes. The benefits offered to each HMRA member is listed on the enclosed brochure/application form.

You may ask, "Why do we need a Revitalization Association?"

The Historic Downtown Marion area is experiencing a transition, slowly, but surely into a healthy business district. This revitalization has been guided, in part, by the Historic Marion Revitalization Association's partnership with our city and county governments and other area organizations. The following are key elements in this revitalization effort:

- Developing partnerships with other community minded organizations and individuals in order to maintain and expand the downtown.
- The association is creating promotional events designed to bring thousands of people downtown.
- Maintaining our historic buildings and encouraging property owners through the façade improvement program.
- Recruitment and retention efforts that focus on inviting complimentary businesses which fill the needs of our target customers.
- Attracting more customers to the Downtown to ensure that dollars that could be spent elsewhere are circulated locally.

HMRA's program is about recapturing old values and creating a new sense of unity in a quickly changing society. This program maintains the asset of a community in order to pass on the community heritage to future residents. HMRA teaches the community how to take care of the future today.

We hope you'll explore our association and find that your support is greatly needed and appreciated in maintaining **Marion today, tomorrow and forever. Please Join Today!**

National Garden Week Proclamation

City of Marion Mayor Bobby L. Davis with officers of the Azalea Garden Club sign a Proclamation designation June 1-6, 2015 as National Garden Week. This year floral designs were placed in two public facilities, City Hall and the Marion Police Department, by the Azalea Club. The club serves Marion by working to improve and maintain our community, striving to make it a beautiful place to which to live and visit.

Robert Browder City's Employee of the Month



The City of Marion is proud to announce Sanitation Department employee Robert Browder as its May 2015 Employee of the Month. Robert has been employed with the City of Marion since February 2011 and also serves the community as a volunteer firefighter. He is responsible for collecting large household items and yard debris from citizens and transporting these items to the landfill.

The Mayor and Council recognized Robert Browder for his dedicated service to the City of Marion and its citizens at the June 9th Council Meeting.

The Swamp Fox Scene is the City of Marion's Free monthly newspaper for citizens and visitor's of the Swamp Fox City, Marion, South Carolina. Printed by Herald Multiforms in Dillon, city employees produce and distribute the newspaper.

The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Bobby L. Davis or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

2015 Fire Rescue EMT Competition



Marion City Fire Department competed this year at the SC Fire Rescue Convention in an EMT Competition the event consisted of a scenario of a camp site with four family members that were camping when a tornado struck injuring the family. Engineer/EMT Josh Brown along with Firefighter/ EMT Ethan Brown worked together seamlessly as a team and brought home the trophy. They were competing against the Defending Champions of Bluffton Fire/Rescue and a team from Horry County Fire/Rescue. Engineer Brown and Firefighter Brown represented the City of Marion very well. They were knowledgeable and professional and will have to defend their title and trophy next year at the 2016 Fire/Rescue Convention.



Pool

The Pool is officially open. Come and enjoy the pool. Certified Lifeguards on duty at all times. Pools hours are Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Admission is only \$1.00. Pool is closed on **Thursday and Friday mornings ONLY from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (open to summer camp students only).**

Open Burning in the City of Marion

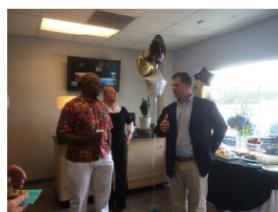
A person shall not kindle or maintain or authorize or authorize to be kindled or maintained any open burning in the City of Marion unless conducted and approved in accordance with Sections 307.10.1 through 307.5 or the City of Marion Ordinance 14-09. Burning will only be permitted when a permit has been obtained from the City of Marion Fire Chief. If anyone is caught burning they could be fined \$1092.50.

Marion Chamber Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Marion Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting for One Health Chiropractic on Tuesday, June 2, 2015. Located at 2614 E. Highway 76, Suite E this business is owned by Dr. Donnie Miller. Marion Chamber President, T. Carroll Atkinson III, Mayor Bobby L. Davis, Dr. Donnie Miller and his wife along with other family and friends welcomed this new business to our community.



Photos Courtesy of Marion Chamber of Commerce



Fireworks Ordinance

Be safe for the 4th of July

The City of Marion's Fireworks Ordinance states that it is unlawful that for anyone to possess, sell, offer for sale, store, transport, or use within the city, any fireworks that are not classified as ICC Class C "common fireworks." It is also unlawful to explode or ignite fireworks within 600 feet of a church, hospital, asylum, or public school to explode or ignite fireworks within 75 feet of where fireworks are stored, sold. Or offered for sale; to ignite or discharge any permissible fireworks within or throw the same from any motor vehicle; and to place or throw any ignited fireworks into or at any motor vehicle. No fireworks of any kind shall be used, fired, shot or discharged except; (1) from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on New Year's Day, (2) 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. during the 4th of July Holidays – July 1st thru July 6th, (3) 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Memorial Day, (4) 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Labor Day, (5) 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. during the Christmas Holidays – December 23rd thru December 30th and (6) 5:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. on New Year's Eve.

Be Careful this 4th of July and on all Holidays when handling fireworks!!

If you have any questions pertaining to the City Ordinance, contact the Building Official at 843-423-5961.

Free Community Summer Camp

With the help of volunteers our summer camp program began on June 8th. Ms. Betty Bryant is the Director of the Community Summer Camp Program at Grice's Recreation Center. We have over 300 signed application from parents and still getting calls from parents about signing up their kids. We have to put them on a waiting list. The program is free to all children. Breakfast, lunch and snack will be served. The program will run from June 8th and ends August 14th 2015. Activities for the program include; swimming and water fun, arts & crafts, games, sports, singing, talents shows, fieldtrips and etc. We are very thankful for all of our volunteers and we looking at the possibility of an after school program during the school year for our children. We are very excited about our summer program.

July 3rd

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Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. –9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is FREE of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Monday and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are FREE, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

Yoga classes set

Yoga classes are offered each Tuesday and Thursday evening from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the fire department sub-station on Senator Gasque Road. Taught by Judy Johnson and Mary Dunbar, the classes are \$5 each or \$30 per month. For information or details, call the Recreation Department at 423-5410.

City rentals available

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you, whether an outdoor or indoor event from our picnic shelter or our recreation and fine arts center. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call Cheryl Askins, 423-5410 for availability.

CDJ Aerobics

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

City of Marion capture Playful City USA for 2015

City of Marion is one of six South Carolina cities to make Non-Profit Organization KaBoom!s 2015 list of "Playful City USA Communities.

On June 17, 2015 the City of Marion was honored with the 2015 Playful City USA designation for the fourth time. In partnership with the Humana Foundation, KaBoom! Is honoring cities, town and counties across the country for making their communities more payable.

KaBoom! Selected Marion for its outstanding dedication to play, among others things. Come play with us and "get out, get moving and get fit" to the "be playful and live it" mindset is the City of Marion mission. We want to promote ourselves as fun, friendly, walkable community that offers varied and exciting opportunities for play through sports, programs and better play areas to all citizens and visitors of all ages.

For information on the KaBoom! Playful City USA program, including Let's Play grants and applications for 2016, [visit www.kaboom.org/playfulcityusa](http://www.kaboom.org/playfulcityusa).

Marion Youth Basketball Camp



Summer is upon us and we're excited to have a few former high school and college basketball standouts from the Marion County area engaging with our youth. More than 50 kids between the ages of 9 and 17 were drilled on their shooting technique and other fundamentals last month by former Marion Swamp Foxes guard, David

Rowell Jr. and former Mullins Auctioneer star, Stacy Wilson. The pair, along with a few more successful athletes, put together a free week-long camp that ran from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Rowell says he and Wilson have been friends for quite a while and they thought it would be a good idea to put together something positive for the kids. The camp featured other standouts including former Creek Bridge Warriors all-stars Charles Green and Vic Williams. Also participating were the Pee Dee Viper's Maurice Grant and Brunswick Community College forward, Kevin Rowell. Wilson, who just returned from a second year of play in Germany with the Chemnitz 99ers, says "It's all about giving back to the community". He also stated that it's good for the kids to see local guys doing something positive. This kind of interaction will help the kids realize that anybody from anywhere can make it. Shout outs to the guys for paving the way for our up and coming youth!!



Marion Recreation Day at the Pelican Stadium



Over 70 kids from the City of Marion attended the Recreation Day at the Pelican Stadium in Myrtle Beach SC. The first pitch was thrown out by one of Marion's own, Nathan Brown. Wow what a thrill. The game featured the Pelicans against the Mudcats.

Marion Recreational Promotional Items

Marion Recreational Department is in the process of making over 600 bags for the softball girls that will participate in the **2015 Dixie Youth Girls Softball State Championship Tournaments**. We have already purchased the drawstring bags for the girls. We are now looking for promotional items to put in the bags for these girls (this will help get your business name out there). These girls/families will be coming from all over the state and will be looking for local venues to shopping, dining and sleeping. The tournaments will last about 2 weeks starting the first of July. Ages will range 6U, 10U, 14U & 18U. If you have any of the following items or items that you would like to donate to the girls we would greatly appreciate it.

Listing below is a list of the items that have been requested:

- Stress relief balls
- Pens/Pencils
- Bubbles
- Note Pads
- Cups
- Coupons (Food or Shopping)

That's just to name a few items, but anything with your business name that we could put in these bags would be greatly appreciated. Any items you have to donate you could drop them off at the office or give us a call and we will be glad to go pick them up.